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SUBJ: COMMITTEE FOR OPEN SOCIETY LETTER

REF: MEXICO 5287

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON BRACERO ISSUE RELATED TO RECENT FONSEC NOTE SINCE THAT REPORTED REFTEL. MEXICO CITY PRESS, HOWEVER, GENERALLY GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO EFE DESPATCH ON JUNE 23 AND 24 ON REPORTED LETTER FROM WILLIAM HIGGS OF COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER ON BRACERO ISSUE. PRESS REPORTS CITE HIGGS' CHARGES THAT DOOR-TO-DOOR "MANHUNT" BEING CARRIED OUT IN WASHINGTON AGAINST MEXICAN ILLEGALS. LETTER CHARGES HUNT IS WITHOUT "JUDICIAL AUTHORITY".

2. STORIES ALSO REPORT HIGGS' ASSERTION OF CONTRADICTION BETWEEN USG PUBLIC POSITION IN U.S. AND MEXICO ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MEXICO, CITING ALLEGED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AMBASSADOR JOVA'S RECENT SPEECH TO ROTARY CLUB AND EMBASSY'S APRIL 15, 1974, ECONOMIC REPORT.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY PUZZLED BY RECURRING
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ATTACKS ON USG POLICY BY HIGGS AND HIS ORGANIZATION. HIGGS'

POINT OF VIEW SEEMS FAR CLOSER TO THAT OF MEXICAN GROUPS OR
GOM THAN OF ANY DOMESTIC U.S. ORGANIZATION. EMBASSY HAS NO
REASON TO BELIEVE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ANY U.S. ORGANIZATION
SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER QUESTION OF INDEMNIFICATION TO
MEXICAN FARMERS FOR DAMAGE FROM SALINITY IN COLORADO RIVER,
THOUGH HIGGS HAS DENOUNCED MINUTE 242 SETTLEMENT AS UNFAIR TO
MEXICO. SIMILARLY, HIGGS' REPEATED DEFENSE OF MEXICAN ILLEGALS
CLEARLY OPPOSED TO RECENTLY-EXPRESSED VIEWS OF U.S. CHICANO
LEADERS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF LATEST HIGGS LETTER
AS WELL AS ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NATURE AND SUPPORT OF
COMMITTEE FOR OPEN SOCIETY.

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